roleum products amounted to Rs 6420 crores during April-Nov, 1990 In view of the fluctuating prices of crude oil in the international market, it is difficult to precisely estimate the country's import bill for the financial year 1990-91 at this stage

(b) The Key elements of the export strategy are availability of raw materials, components and capital goods at near world prices, Strengthening export incentive Schemes, improvement in the infrastructural facilities and efficient demand management policies Simultaneously, efforts are also being made to increase exports to hard currency areas and to cut export costs

Setting up a joint working group on project exports

53 SHRI V NARAYANASAMY Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Joint Working Group on project exports to look into the policy and procedure related problems of the Indian project exports,

(b) whether it is a fact that India's share in the world project market is less than 1 per cent, and

(c) which are the areas that India has concentrated in the fields of project exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL) (a) A Working Group comprising representatives of the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Limited, Exporters, Commercial Bankers with EXIM Bank as focal point already exists for clearance of bids for Indian project exports, wherein funded/non-funded facilities are required for execution of projects Also, a High Level Project Promotion Committee for Tracking and Monitoring of overseas projects funded by the Multilateral Agencies has been set up

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Project exports from India are in the field of civil construction projects, industrial turnkey projects, consultancy and operations/maintenance contracts

Vacancies in J & K High Court

54 SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) for how long the J & K High Court has been working below the sanctioned strength, and

(b) what are the category-wise arrears of cases in J & K High Court at present?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY) (a) The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has functioned below its sanctioned strength of 7 permanent Judges from 3-8-89 till 11-11-90; thereafter, the High Court has been functioning with its full sanctioned strength

(b) As on 31-12-89, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court had 38518 Civil and 3581 Criminal cases pending before it

Opinion of ASSOCHEIM on levy of consignment tax

55. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA· Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Asociated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged Government not to levy consignment tax on inter-State movement of goods in the interest of country's economy,

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto,